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2. [REDACTED] COMMENT: EMBASSY AND OTHER SOURCES HAVE  
SINCE EARLY MAY SEEN MAKING REFERENCE TO A PRIVATE LETTER,  
CRITICAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES, WHICH THE CHILEAN BISHOPS  
SENT TO PRESIDENT AUGUSTO PINOCHET FOLLOWING THEIR  
CONFERENCE IN PUNTA DEL TALCA IN APRIL, SEE SANTIAGO EMBASSY  
TELEGRAM 3598 OF 30 MAY,,

3. [REDACTED] HUMAN

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RIGHTS, THE ECONOMIC SITUATION, AND THE GOVERNMENT'S EDUCATION POLICY. ON HUMAN RIGHTS, [REDACTED] THE INTERNAL SUBVERSIVE SITUATION, WHICH EARLIER JUSTIFIED HARSH REPRESSIVE MEASURES, HAD BEEN OVERCOME, BUT THE GOVERNMENT WAS STILL ENGAGING IN SUCH METHODS. THEY SAID THAT THEY WERE PLEASED THAT ALL SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT WERE CHRISTIANS, BUT THEY OBSERVED NO EXERCISE OF CHRISTIAN SPIRIT. FURTHERMORE, THEY SAY NO TRUE RECONCILIATION OCCURRING IN CHILE.

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4. [REDACTED] CONCERN OVER ASPECTS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC POLICY, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING THAT THE GOVERNMENT SEEMED TO BE MORE CONCERNED WITH GIVING REASSURANCES AND GUARANTEES TO THE EMPLOYERS THAN TO THE WORKERS. THEY MAINTAINED THAT THE PRESENT POLICY SEEMS TO BE POLARIZING THE COUNTRY.

5. [REDACTED] THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALIENATING ITSELF [REDACTED] BY CERTAIN UNSOUND EDUCATIONAL POLICIES, [REDACTED]

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6. PRESIDENT PINOCHET ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO REPLY IN WRITING [REDACTED] HE CHANGED HIS MIND, HOWEVER, AND DECIDED TO HOST A DINNER [REDACTED] JUNE SO THAT HE COULD SPEAK PERSONALLY WITH [REDACTED] WHOM HE CONSIDERS TO BE MOST PRO-GOVERNMENT.

7. [REDACTED]

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8. [REDACTED] INVITED [REDACTED] TO DINNER IN MID-JUNE TO DISCUSS THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, THE MOST PROMINENT IN ATTENDANCE WAS [REDACTED]

COMMENT: [REDACTED] IS THE MOST PUBLIC SUPPORTER OF THE JUNTA GOVERNMENT. IN LATE APRIL, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HE ADDED SEVERAL IMPORTANT CRITICISMS (NOT FURTHER CLARIFIED) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS A CRITIC OF THE GOVERNMENT, SAID THAT WHILE THERE ARE DIFFERENCES AMONG [REDACTED] OVER THE APPROACH TO TAKE WITH THE GOVERNMENT, THERE IS ALSO A CONVICTION THAT [REDACTED] CANNOT MAINTAIN SILENCE ON MATTERS ON WHICH IT IS OPPOSED,)

9. PINOCHET TOLD [REDACTED] HE WAS AWARE THERE HAD BEEN ABUSES OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA). HE MAINTAINED, HOWEVER, THAT ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN TO ELIMINATE SUCH ACTIVITY AND THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY INVESTIGATED TWO RECENT CHARGES OF PRISONERS BEING TORTURED AND WAS CONVINCED THAT DINA WAS NOT GUILTY OF THE CRIMES CHARGED. REFERRING TO THE CASE OF SERGIO ZAMORA, A MEMBER OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) WHO WAS ALLEGEDLY TORTURED BY DINA AND ESCAPED, TAKING REFUGE IN THE OFFICES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PEACE, PINOCHET TOLD [REDACTED] HE THOUGHT IT WAS PARTICULARLY STRANGE THAT THE COMMITTEE REFUSED TO ALLOW HIS OWN PERSONAL PHYSICIAN TO EXAMINE THE MAN, SINCE TUDOS WOULD HAVE BEEN THE

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MOST CONCRETE WAY TO PROVE THE TORTURE CHARGES AGAINST DINA,

10. WITH REGARD TO THE PEACE COMMITTEE'S CHARGES THAT  
GUILLERMO HERRERA, A MILITANT OF THE MOVEMENT OF  
THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR), HAD DIED OF INTERNAL INJURIES  
AS A RESULT OF TORTURE BY DINA, PINOCHET SAID THAT THESE  
CHARGES WERE NOT BORNE OUT BY THE OFFICIAL AUTOPSY PRESENTED  
TO THE CRIMINAL COURT BY THE LEGAL MEDICAL INSTITUTE,

COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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THE AUTOPSY REPORT STATED THAT HERRERA DIED OF A SLIT  
THROAT, APPARENTLY DUE TO SUICIDE [REDACTED]

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HERRERA WAS BEING HELD UNDER HOUSE ARREST AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT,) PINOCHET COMMENTED TO [REDACTED] THAT HE COULD NOT IMAGINE THAT DINA WOULD BE SO STUPID AS TO TAKE 4 MAN TO THE HOME OF HIS PARENTS TO TORTURE AND KILL HIM.

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11. [REDACTED] COMMENTS:

A. THE ZAMORA AND HERRERA CASES WERE PUBLICIZED IN THE 16 JUNE ISSUE OF "TIME" MAGAZINE AS EXAMPLES OF DINA ABUSES OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WHILE DINA IS MUCH TO BLAME FOR ITS PRESENT IMAGE AND DIFFICULTIES IN PLEADING INNOCENT, RECENT INFORMATION IS SHEDDING DOUBT ON THE MOTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND CREDIBILITY OF THE PEACE COMMITTEE. [REDACTED] THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESSURING OR SCARING PEOPLE INTO SEEKING ASYLUM. AN EXAMPLE GIVEN IS THAT OF JUAN RAMON NUÑEZ, A MEMBER OF THE UNITED POPULAR ACTION MOVEMENT (MAPU), WHO SIGNED A NOTARIZED STATEMENT IN MID-1974 TO THE EFFECT THAT WE HAD GONE TO THE COMMITTEE TO SEEK HELP IN GETTING 4 JOB, BUT THAT THE TWO PRIESTS WITH WHOM WE SPOKE, FATHERS JUAN SEBASTIAN BACH AND FERNANDO SALAS, CONVINCED HIM THAT AS A MAPU MEMBER HE COULD NEVER GET 4 JOB AND

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THEY WOULD THEREFORE HELP HIM GET INTO A NEBASSY. HE TOOK  
A SYLUM BUT BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE 'MILE, HE  
ESCAPED FROM THE EMBASSY AND, AS OF THE TIME OF HIS STATEMENT,  
WAS WORKING WITHOUT PROBLEMS,

B. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE AND ONE OF  
ITS MOST PROMINENT MEMBERS, LUTHERAN BISHOP HELMUT FRENZ,  
HAVE BEEN AN IMPORTANT CAUSE OF THE RECENT SCHISM IN THE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHILE, AND THE [REDACTED] PRESS REPORTED THAT  
THE LUTHERANS WERE PULLING OUT OF THE COMMITTEE. [REDACTED]

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C. IN MID-JUNE, A HIGH LEVEL PRELATE CONFIRMED  
TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD COMMITTED  
"EXCESSES" SUCH AS ENCOURAGING CHILEANS TO TAKE ASYLUM.  
HE OPINED THAT SOME OF THE COMMITTEE'S PRIESTS ARE SO  
COMMITTED TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE THAT THEIR JUDGEMENT  
MAY BE WARPED. HE SAID THERE IS A PREDISPOSITION TO ACCEPT  
A STORY ANY STORY ABOUT TORTURE OR DETENTION, AND THAT  
THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN TRICKED BY FALSE INFORMERS;

D. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REPORTED THAT THE HEAD  
OF THE PEACE COMMITTEE'S JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, WHICH  
COORDINATES ACTIVITIES WITH THE VARIOUS OPPOSITION POLITICAL  
PARTIES, IS A MEMBER OF THE MAPU AND WORKS CLOSELY WITH  
THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH). THIS REPORT ALSO  
CITED PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT COMPLAINTS ON THE COMMITTEE'S  
ROLE IN HELPING ASYLEES.]

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12, [REDACTED]

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